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COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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TELEPHONE NETWORK WITHOUT OPTICAL FIBRE CABLE
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether demand for new land line connection has reduced owing to increase in use of mobile phones in the country;

(b) if so, whether the Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) network would be phased out to replace it by WLL technology in order to reduce the infrastructure involved in laying OFC;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any city has been indentified as a pilot project for OFC less Telephone Network city in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) to (e) Do not arise in view of (b) above.